



## COMMANDANT NAVAL DISTRICT WASHINGTON

15 August 1978

Dear Admiral,

As you may have been alerted in February by Sheila Watkins and Barbie Griffiths, the Ball Chairmen, the Navy Ball this year is scheduled for Saturday, 14 October, at the International Ballroom of the Washington Hilton Hotel. As has been our custom over the years, we plan to invite all the accredited foreign naval attaches as guests of the Navy for this gala charity event.

This year we hope to have more of the Washington Area Flag Officers participate in hosting the attaches and their ladies. To encourage this, tickets to the Ball for the attache guests will be STAT provided. It is customary that as a host you would buy your own tickets, share your table at the Ball, and entertain at dinner beforehand. Possibly some of you will want to join together and share one or more tables. Our mutual goal is to provide our foreign naval attaches and their ladies an evening of hospitality, fun, and Navy spirit that will be long remembered.

If you are able to assist in this year's efforts, please call my office at 433-2572/3737. A call not later than 1 September would be most appreciated. Requests for specific attaches, after the CNO's, other Admirals', and Secretariat's requests have been honored, will be on a first-call and fair-shared basis. Each of the accredited naval attaches will receive an invitation to the Ball with a card enclosed stating, "Your host for the Navy Ball will be in touch with you at a later date". Therefore, please do not invite your intended guest until we have had a chance to resolve all duplications and provide a host to all. We hope to complete the guest slate and so notify you by 8 September. Both Sheila Watkins and Barbie Griffiths, and the Ball Committee members, have been working hard to provide a memorable evening with a Navy Birthday atmosphere. Come join us for a night of good cheer!

Sincerely,

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